

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**v.**

**MICHAEL SANFORD**

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**Case No. 1:24-cr-216-ECM-CWB-15**

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION  
CONCERNING PLEA OF GUILTY**

The defendant, Michael Sanford, has by consent appeared before me pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and has entered a plea of guilty to Count 1 of the Superseding Indictment (Doc. 153). After cautioning and examining the defendant under oath concerning each of the subjects enumerated in Rule 11(b), I have determined that the defendant entered the plea of guilty knowingly and voluntarily and that there is a factual basis to support the plea. I therefore recommend that the plea of guilty be accepted.

**DONE** this the 11th day of April 2025.



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**CHAD W. BRYAN**  
**UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

**NOTICE**

A party waives the right to challenge on appeal a finding of fact or conclusion of law adopted by the district judge if the party fails to object to that finding or conclusion within fourteen days following issuance of a report and recommendation containing the finding or conclusion.